GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS AND DIVIDENDS OF INVESTORS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a Non-Governmenttrust to manage unclaimed deposits and dividends of investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of unclaimed deposits and dividends at present?

Answer

MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIHE PATIL)

(a) A proposal for setting up an Investors` Education and Protection Fund as a non-Governmental fund to manage unclaimed deposits and dividends etc., of investors, is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The Fund is expected to perform the following functions relating to investors` education, awareness and protection: direct education programmes through media; organising seminars and symposiums; approving and funding specific projects for investors` protection, including research activities; recognizing and funding of voluntary associations engaged in investor protection activities; providing legal assistance to genuine investor litigants; and coordinating with similar institutions engaged in investor education, awareness and protection activities.

(c) The amount of unclaimed/unpaid dividends lying with the companies transferred to the Government during the last three years was about Rs. 85.73 crores.